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TAGS: EAIR, ELAB, CA

SUBJECT: ROTATING STRIKES LIKELY AFTER AIR CONTROLLERS'
NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN

REF: OTTAWA 6883

1. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
(MOT) AND CANADIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSOCIATION (CATCA)
BROKE DOWN LAST NIGHT PRIMARILY OVER MONETARY ISSUES WHERE
PARTIES WERE APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT APART. (MOT OFFER
7.4 PERCENT; CATCA DEMAND 12.6 PERCENT.) SINCE CATCA
REQUIRES 96 HOURS FOR CONTRACT RATIFICATION, SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS TODAY OR TOMORROW, WHICH NOW
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APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY, WOULD NOT LEAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO
OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL PRIOR TO AUGUST 8 MIDNIGHT
STRIKE DEADLINE. CONSEQUENTLY, CATCA PRESIDENT LIVINGSTON
ANNOUNCED BEGINNING OF ROTATING STRIKES BY REGIONS ANY-
TIME AFTER STRIKE DEADLINE.

2. TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG STATED PUBLICLY THAT CABINET

WILL MEET THIS MORNING (AUG. 5) TO CONSIDER SEEKING ANTI-STRIKE INJUNCTION. IN AUG. 3 DISCUSSIONS WITH CATCA, MOT OFFICIALS POINTED OUT POTENTIALLY ADVERSE EFFECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC IF WORKSTOPPAGE AT GANDER OCCURRED. CATCA MEETING WITH MOT AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON ON AIR SAFETY QUESTIONS. WE WERE TOLD BY CATCA VICE-PRESIDENT TONNER THAT CONTROLLERS WANT TO INSURE AIR SAFETY AND ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE ON SIX-HOUR MINIMUM STRIKE NOTICE, PARTICULARLY FOR GANDER. ACCORDING TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL CIVIL AERONAUTICS, FINLEY, MOT FEELS THAT MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS NOTICE REQUIRED FOR TRANS-OCEANIC FLIGHTS.

3. MOT ALSO CONSIDERING CLOSING DOWN ENTIRE SYSTEM IF IT TURNS OUT THAT STRIKE MIGHT CREATE HAZARDS. IN THAT EVENT, SOME SERVICES ACROSS CANADA WILL BE MAINTAINED USING SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AS CONTROLLERS.

4. FINLEY TOLD US THAT TELEX WAS SENT YESTERDAY (AUG. 4) TO AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES, FAA, ADVISING OF STRIKE POSSIBILITY. ENDERS

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